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REPLY TO ACTIONS OF AUGUST 16, 2006 AND DECEMBER 4, 2006

In response to the Office Actions mailed August 16, 2006 and December 4, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 16, 2006, Applicants elected group I, drawn to a device (claims 1-24, 44 and 45). Claims 25-43 were withdrawn. See the response filed September 15, 2006.

The Examiner also required an election of species for a base element, a lid element, an intermediate element, a library, and a holding element. See the August 16, 2006 Office Action at page 3-4. Applicants elected monocrystalline silicon as the base element (see claim 3), Borofloat 33 as the lid element (see claim 4); siloxane as the intermediate element (see claim 6), protein as the library (see claim 18), and the holding element of claim 1.

In the Office Action of December 4, 2006, the Examiner argues that the election was incomplete. Specifically, the Examiner states that "the species of siloxane is not claimed in claim 6," and that the species of protein library "is not a SINGLE species." Applicants hereby indicate that the election for intermediate element is for polydimethyl siloxane (as in claim 6), and the election for library is a protein library (claim 18), specifically, an antibody library (claim 19).

Claims 1-19 and 44-45 read on the elected species.